

Appl. No. 10/279,647
Amdt. Dated May 24, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

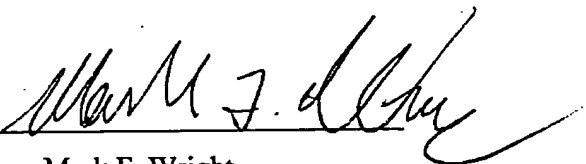
Claims 22-27 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Cooper et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,465,167). Claims 22-27 have been cancelled herewith, without prejudice, for presentation in a subsequently filed application.

Conclusion

Having addressed all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully assert that all of Applicants' claims, as presently on file, are allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case at the earliest possible date. Applicants represent hereby that no new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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